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This compilation is more than just music. It is a mission statement.

As you will see in the notes for this release and on the website, there is a written mission statement for the label.

While those words are an adequate description for what I intend the focus of Free Floating Music to be, words can only express so much. This is, of course, why there is music. And while this music doesn't speak loudly, it does speak clearly.

It speaks to us of the spaces where we can be free from the accelerated pull of the world. It writes poems to the cloudless, star-filled skies. It gently reminds us perhaps of that patient, sane and compassionate person we deep down wish to be.

I have been a listener and fan of ambient music for over 25 years. To me, the best of the genre has always hovered closest to the edges of silence, being almost barely music at all, but almost a frame that adorns the masterpiece of sound that is silence. When I am looking

for a space in which to think or dream, sleep or read--or just simply be--it is this music to which I turn. And it is this music that I have always wanted to create and to spread to the world.



While I occasionally dabble in creating this music myself (I am the C.paradisi represented here), I find that I have a greater knack for discovering this music by others. And so I was led to blog about the music and eventually to broadcast a show on Stillstream ambient radio. But I wanted to be more involved in the creative process and so I finally decided to start a netlabel devoted to this gentle drifting music that I love.

As you can hear, the focus is on the serene, the simple and direct. I have lived with this music for weeks--playing it in my sleep, in the shower, in my car, at family dinners and walks by the shore--and I have only just begun to explore its depths and nuances. While the tracks on 'conception' share a similar dynamic range, each artist has infused their work with their own unique

instrumental and compositional voice. Some are firmly grounded in the silence, while others glide above it, occasionally touching its surface. Some are abstract and textural, while others explore closer to orchestral territory. But each and every one builds their own room in this collaborative temple to silence.

I would encourage you to wander aimlessly through the spaces that they have created. In all the times I listened to this collection, I did so randomly, shuffling the playing order each time. In this way I was able to allow the created space to lead me where it would, and each time I discovered a new place for repose. Pieces that I had heard multiple times became new as I approached them from a different direction. (I tried to resist providing a track order at all, but I know that the technology would impose one (alphabetical, most likely)

anyway. And so the numbering of tracks that is embedded was arrived at completely randomly and I encourage you to always listen to this collection as a shuffled playlist.)

I could not have asked for a more articulate conception for the Free Floating Music label. If you are curious about what Free Floating Music will sound like in future releases, you have this mission statement that makes it abundantly clear.

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For Lucette & Doug



Psylence II

Monoku

Tange
9//25

Earlyguard
8//03

<http://www.reverbnation.com/tange1973>

<http://earlyguard.de>

Angel of the North

Bing Satellites

9//07

<http://bingsatellites.com>

Free Floating in
Space [Expedition
24]

Susperia-Electrica

11//56

<http://www.susperia-electrica.com/>

03

06

Harmony Bound

Further Distances

Benjamin Dauer
7//46

Andrew Lahiff
8//45

<http://benjamindauer.net>

<http://andrewlahiff.com>

07

08

Birth of a Fairy

Tachyon Lullaby

Elypixa

8//03

Mooma

4//40

<http://www.myspace.com/elypixa>

<http://mooma.info>



Ultramarine

An Atmosphere of
Silence

Igneous Flame

Altus

8//55

7//51

<http://www.luminasounds.com/>

<http://altusmusic.ca>



Flood (Disturbed
Earth Mix)

Crystal Dreams

10//17

Doomsday Divine

Tomorrow's Man

7//51

<http://www.crystaldreamsmusic.net/>

<http://tomorrowsman.com>

Exquisite Patterns
of Divination
Eyes Cast Down
11//27

<http://www.eyescastdown.com/>

Luminous Drift
Phillip Wilkerson
9//19

<http://phillipwilkerson.net>



Into the Current

Steve Brand

10//35

<http://relaxedmachinery.com/artists/steve-brand/>

Being Peace

Daniel Lahey

6//47

<http://soundcloud.com/dannysandiego>



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Celestial

Boris Lelong

11//59

C.paradisi

10//59

<http://www.borislelong.com/music/>

<http://cparadisi.bandcamp.com>



To the Stars

BurningFreeFalling

Lucette Bourdin

Burning Artist

9//48

8//07

<http://lbourdin.com>

<http://www.reverbnation.com/burningartists>
[sale](#)



Shimmering

Origination

Shane Morris

Michael Meara

8//31

8//33

<http://relaxedmachinery.ning.com/profile/ShaneMorris>

<http://sonicjourney.com>



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1. Tange – Psylence II
2. Earlyguard – Monoku
3. Bing Satellites – Angel of the North
4. Susperia-Electrica – Free Floating in Space [Expedition 24]
5. Benjamin Dauer – Harmony Bound
6. Andrew Lahiff – Further Distances
7. Elypixa – Birth of a Fairy
8. Mooma – Tachyon Lullaby
9. Igneous Flame – Ultramarine
10. Altus – An Atmosphere of Silence
11. Crystal Dreams – Flood (Disturbed Earth Mix)
12. Tomorrow's Man – Doomsday Divine
13. Eyes Cast Down – Exquisite Patterns of Divination
14. Phillip Wilkerson – Luminous Drift
15. Steve Brand – Into the Current
16. Daniel Lahey – Being Peace
17. Boris Lelong – Conception
18. C.paradisi – Celestial
19. Lucette Bourdin – To The Stars
20. Burning Artist – BurningFreeFalling
21. Shane Morris – Shimmering
22. Michael Meara – Origination

* While the pieces in this collection have been given track numbers, the order was generated randomly and the music is intended for shuffled play.



Free Floating Music

Simplicity and repose are the qualities that measure the true value of any work of art.

–Frank Lloyd Wright

We should listen to the silence with the same attention that we give to the sounds.

–John Cage

Free Floating Music exists to release and promote serene, peaceful ambient music—music that grows out of and flows through the silence around it, sculpting spaces for reflection, repose and rejuvenation.

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